Credit on Easy Terms to Farmers

3086. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to provide credit on easy terms to farmers and also to cover the entire farming community by institutional credit; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and Government policy on this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) With a view to provide credit on easy terms to all farmers, the policy of Government has always been to institutionalise the credit delivery system through a multi-agency approach comprising of cooperatives, commercial banks and regional rural banks. More and more branches of cooperatives and other banks are being opened in rural areas for the purpose.

Welfare Schemes for Weaker Sections

3087 SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of welfare measures undertaken by Government with regard to the weaker sections during the last three years and total population covered in different States; and

(b) the number of people not yet covered under these welfare measures State-wise and by when the whole population of weaker section is likelyto be covered?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) Welfare schemes for the weaker sections are implemented under a wide variety of programmes by the State Governments and various Ministries in the Central Government. The State-wise break-up of the Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe population and also the number of SC/ST families economically assisted during the Sixth Plan, 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88 are given at statement-I and II, respectively (*See* below).

(b) The State-wise break-up of the total number of persons below the poverty line is not available. The coverage of the remaining persons below the poverty line under various economic assistance programmes would depend on the availability of resources.

Statement-I

Number of Scheduled Castes Families Economically assisted during 6th Five Year Plan and 7th Five Year Plan

Sl. No.	State/U.T.s	Total SC population (1981 Census)	Number of families assisted			
			VI Plan	VII Plan		
				1985-86	1986-87	1987-88
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Andhra Pradesh	7,961,730	9,35,619	2,88,242	3,04,513	2,90,715
2	Assam* . . .	912,557	1,02,583	1,3604	14,967	15,673
3	Bihar . . .	10,142,368	9,52,873	2,58,549	2,45,572	3,10,879

*1971 Census

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4	Gujarat .	2,438,297	3,51,864	51,550	45,823	50,79
5	Himachal Pradesh .	1,053,958	1,99,791	27,042	32,087	27,730
6	Haryana . .	2,464,012	2,34,977	46,054	46,278	40,512
7	Jammu & Kashmir .	497,363	10,799	4,297	1,998	2,355
8	Karnataka .	5,595,353	5,49,674	1,02,960	1,14,089	1,01,962
9	Kerala . . .	2,549,382	2,20,404	37,741	60,783	50,871
10	Madhya Pradesh .	7,358,533	6,81,847	1,87,203	1,91,513	2,24,073
11	Maharashtra .	4,479,763	8,36,638*	1,11,058	1,17,059	1,23,085
12	Manipur . .	17,753	3,872	300	360	356
13	Orissa . . .	3,865,543	4,46,304	78,658	1,03,511	1,53,569
14	Punjab . .	4,511,703	4,01,163	61,044	64,799	46,939
15	Rajasthan . .	5,838,879	5,31,611	1,20,607	1,24,802	1,37,033
16	Sikkim . .	18,281	3,195	1,168	1,065	1,234
17	Tamil Nadu . .	8,881,295	8,89,242	2,08,206	2,16,243	2,22,469
18	Tripura . . .	310,384	34,457	4,367	5,421	5,399
19	Uttar Pradesh .	23,453,339	19,07,031	3,79,639	3,80,769	4,38,856
20	West Bengal .	12,000,768	9,76,637	2,78,054	2,66,218	2,48,224
21	Chandigarh . .	63,621	2,402	488	533	407
22	Delhi . . .	1,121,643	36,253	8,346	8,029	10,233
23	Goa, Daman & Diu .	23,432	5,446	1,409	1,607	1,365
24	Pondicherry .	96,636	9,038	2,344	1,714	2,499
	TOTAL :		1,03,23,710	22,72,930	23,50,753	25,16,417

*1971 Census.

Statement-II

Number of Scheduled Tribes Famillies Economically Assisted during 6th Five Year Plan & 7th Five Year Plan

Sl. No.	States/UTs	Total ST population (1981 census)	Number of families assisted.			
			VI Plan	VII Plan		
				1985-86	1986-87	1987-88
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Andhra Pradesh .	31,76,001	2,00,564	74,400	1,07,907	1,18,490
2	Assam* .	16,06,648	2,67,554	21,151	20,431	20,120

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
3	Bihar	58,10,867	3,99,475	1,22,753	1,30,352	1,62,444
4	Gujarat	48,48,586	4,05,095	66,995	75,858	54,747
5	Himachal ffradesh	1,97,283	35,796	3,804	5,274	3,899
6	Karnataka	18,25, 203	24,797	12,145	10,954	8,997
7	Kerala	2,61,475	23,307	3,433	6,711	6,804
8	Madhya radeeh.	1,19,87,031	8,44,340	1,96,490	2,41,862	2,80,506
9	Maharashtra	57,72,038	6,56,909	89,009	81,940	1,06,350
10	Manipur	3,87,977	31,156	4,539	4,500	4,499
11	Orissa	59,15,067	4,90,963	1,13,299	1,43,000	1,92,858
12	Rajasthan	41,83,124	2,05,703	61,726	86,616	94,23
13	Sikkim	73,623	7,959	2,800	3,809	3,421
14	Tamil Nadu	5,20,226	28,884	10,059	11,845	9,854
15	Tripura	5,83,920	43,823	9,730	11,800	11,888
16	Uttar Pradesh	2,32,705	11,032	4,496	4,570	4,708
17	West Bengal	30,70,672	2,78,233	74,228	80,677	74,514
18	A & N Islands	22,362	7,793	1,059	918	553
19	Goa, Daman & Diu	10,721	3,226	741	598	776
	TOTAL :	39,66,609	8,72,857	10,29,662	11,99,659	

* 1971 Census.

Plantation of Trees under NREP

3088. SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the provisions, 10 per cent of the fund allotted for NERP has to be spent on social forestry;

(b) if so, what has been the coverage during the last three years in the matter of planting trees under the same scheme; and

(c) what is the monitoring system to ensure proper implementation of the scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) 10 per cent of the allocations under NREP were earmarked for Social Forestry Works from the Commencement of the programme. This was enhanced to 20 per cent from 1985-86 and to 25 per cent from 1986-87.

(b) The area covered by tree plantation under the programme and the